

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Louisiana 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SPOTTED SEATROUT	9,860	4,996	5,435	4,863	14.2"
RED DRUM	4,380	1,427	6,333	2,953	20.6"
ATLANTIC CROAKER	1,330	407	162	923	9.3"
SAND SEATROUT	1,260	851	627	409	12.1"
BLACK DRUM	1,149	401	1,686	747	18.8"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

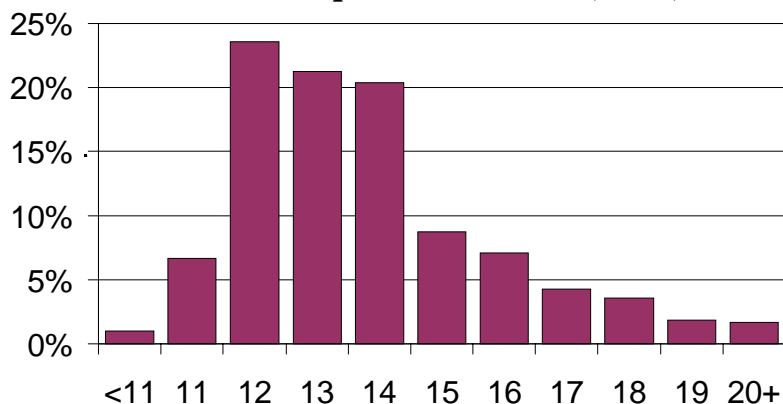
Spotted Seatrout

Cynoscion nebulosus



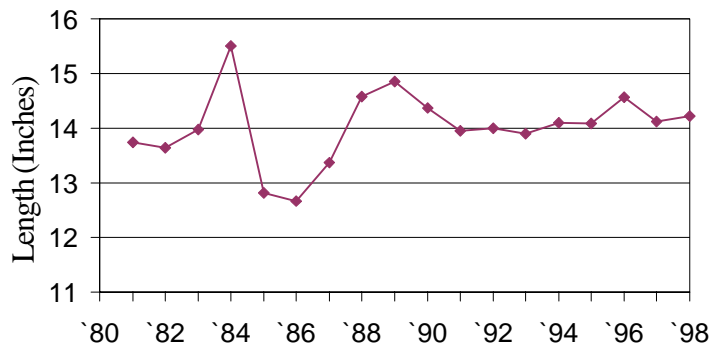
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 95 species of marine fish landed in Louisiana.

Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1998)

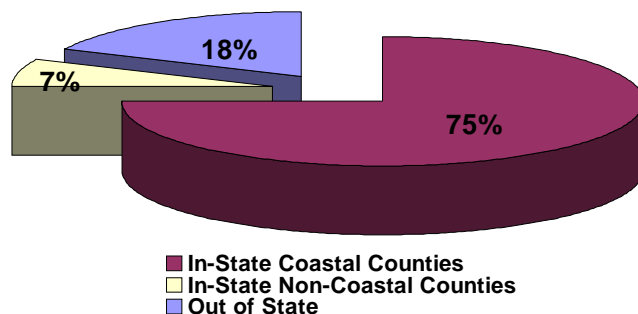


In 1998, over 65% of harvested spotted seatrout averaged between 12 and 14 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Spotted Seatrout (1981 - 1998)

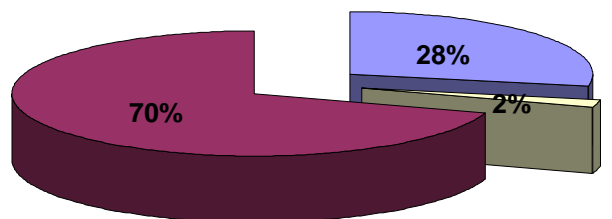


Louisiana Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



In 1998, over 581,000 anglers participated in Louisiana's Marine Recreational Fishery.

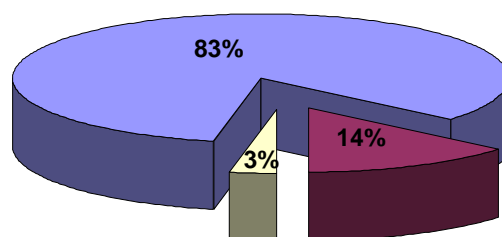
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



■ Shore ■ Party/Charter Boat ■ Private/Rental Boat

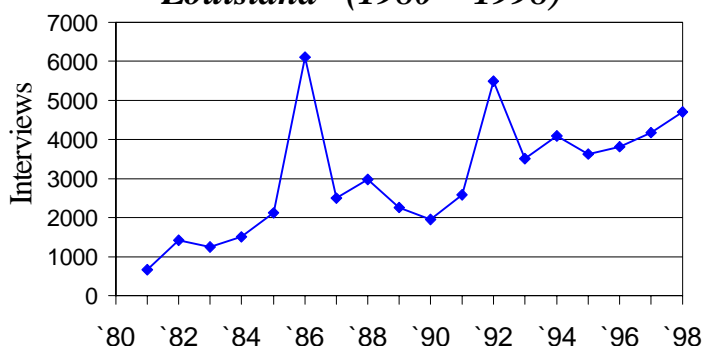
In 1998, anglers took nearly 2.7 million saltwater fishing trips in Louisiana.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



■ State Waters ■ Federal Waters ■ Inland Waters

Number of Completed Field Surveys Louisiana (1980 - 1998)



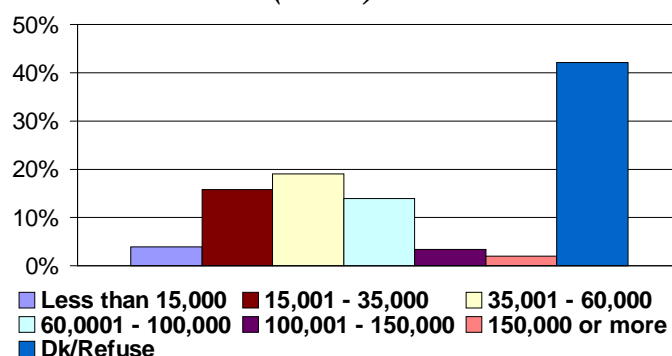
In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 4,709 surveys in Louisiana.

The base MRFSS sample size was increased by 150% for the Southeast U.S. (NC-LA) beginning in 1992.

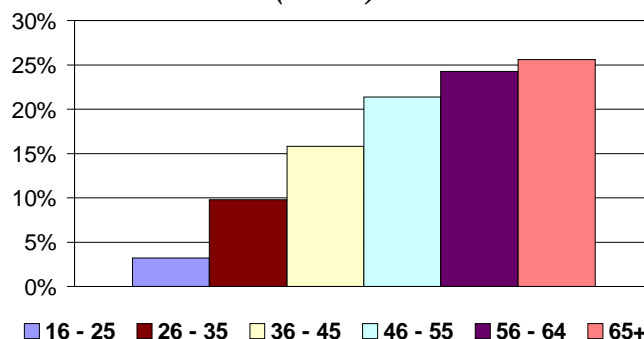
Other large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased sample size.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries personnel conduct the MRFSS field survey.

Income Distribution for Louisiana Anglers (1997)



Age Distribution of Louisiana Anglers (1997)



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Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations
(800) 268-7853
www.wlf.state.la.us/wsdocs/SALTREC.HTM

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
(888) 833-1844 www.gulfcouncil.org
Rules and Regs: www.gulfcouncil.org/bro_rec.htm

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
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